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NEWS RELEASE

Vaccinations for Health

El Paso Fire and Health Departments announce February dates for free flu vaccines to uninsured and those on Medicaid

El Paso, *Texas* – The program "Vaccinations for Health" that teams up the El Paso Fire Department with the El Paso Health Department to provide free influenza, blood pressure and glucose screenings to patients 18 and older, colorectal screening kits to patients 50 and over and pneumonia vaccines to those 65 and older, will start again in February at the following locations and times:

Wednesday Feb. 1: EPFD Safety, Health Outreach Center, 5415 Trowbridge Dr., 1-5:30 p.m.

Thursday Feb. 9: Health Dept. Health Fair, 9031 Viscount Blvd., 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday Feb. 15: EPFD Safety, Health Outreach Center, 5415 Trowbridge Dr., 1-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Feb. 22: EPFD Safety, Health Outreach Center, 5415 Trowbridge Dr., 1-5:30 p.m.

"There's no question that firefighters are some of the most respected members of our community," said Bruce Parsons, Assistant Health Director. "They assist those in need and have a rapport with those they serve. Those qualities, coupled with life-saving vaccines and screening tools will help us advance the health of Vaccinations for Health participants and the community."

Remember that the service is FREE to residents of El Paso and Hudspeth County who are 18 and over and DO NOT have medical insurance or are on Medicaid. We are encouraging residents who meet these guidelines to take advantage of the program. The goal of the program is to increase the wellness of our community who do not have access to these services.

For more information, residents are encouraged to call 3-1-1 or visit www.ephealth.com.

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